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Docket No. SJ0920010058US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tsann Lin et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/066,835 )  
Filed: February 4, 2002 ) Group Art  
For: **IN-SITU OXIDIZED FILMS FOR USE AS GAP** ) Unit: 1773  
**LAYERS FOR A SPIN-VALVE SENSOR AND** )  
**METHODS OF MANUFACTURE** )

Examiner: Kevin M. Bernatz

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 1, 2003, Notice of Appeal, and a subsequent telephone interview, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.